



## 2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 15

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR and COGGS. Referred to  
Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commending the life an public service of Father James Edmund  
2           Groppi.

3           Whereas, Father James Edmund Groppi was born on November 16, 1930, in  
4     Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

5           Whereas, in 1959 he was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood after  
6     studying at St. Francis Seminary; and

7           Whereas, in 1963 Father Groppi, when transferred to St. Boniface parish which  
8     had a predominantly African America congregation in Milwaukee, became actively  
9     involved in the Civil Rights Movement and participated in the March on Washington  
10    during said year; and

11          Whereas, in 1965 Father Groppi also participated in marches from Selma to  
12    Montgomery on behalf of the Voting Rights Act; and

13          Whereas, upon his return to Milwaukee later in 1965, Father Groppi began  
14    organizing protests against the segregation of Milwaukee public schools, and he lead  
15    marches across the 16th Street Viaduct, which was later renamed in his honor,

